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FOR SHLAUDEMAM

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SUBJECT: INTER- AMERICAN NAVAL TRAINING FORCE

REF: IR MSG 6 817 0091 73 DAO SANTIAGO

DAO HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ADMIRAL ZUMWALT TO ADMIRAL MONTERO CINC CHILEAN NAVY, WHICH DISCUSSES THE CONCEPT OF AN INTER- AMERICAN NAVAL TRAINING FORCE (IANTF). CONTENTS OF LETTER INDICATE THAT PRIOR TO PLANNED VII INTER- AMERICAN NAVAL COMMANDER' S CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR LATE APRIL 1973, WHICH WAS CANCELLED, THE U. S. NAVY PROPOSED THE CREATION OF AN INTER- AMERICAN NAVAL TRAINING FORCE (IANTF). COPIES OF THIS PROPOSAL WERE SENT TO ALL SOUTH AMERICAN CINCS. THE IANTF, AS ENVISIONED BY THE VNO, IS AN EXCELLENT MEANS TO INCREASE NAVAL COOPERATION AMONG AMERICAN NAVIES. IT WOULD CONDUCT NORMAL PEACETIME TRAINING OPERATIONS IN THE ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN, AND PACIFIC WATERS CONTIGUOUS TO THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. AS A MULTINATIONAL FORCE, IT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING NAVIES TO CONDUCT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRAINING EXERCISES WITH THE GOAL OF INCREASING THE READINESS OF THE FORCE. COORDINATION FOR THIS FORCE WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY USCOMSOLANT. FORCE WOULD CONSIST OF AT LEAST THREE SHIPS OF ESCORT SIZE OR

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LARGER, WITH NO MORE THAN TWO SHIPS CONTRIBUTED BY ANY ONE COUNTRY AT ANY ONE TIME. IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE FORCE CONSTITUTED THERE SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF THREE PARTICIPATING NAVIES. THIS FORCE IS ENVISIONED AS A CONTINUING FORCE, THOUGH IT IS PRESUMED THAT INITIALLY IT WOULD EXIST FOR PERIODIC INTERVALS ONLY. THIS FORCE WOULD NOT REPLACE THE ANNUAL UNITAS EXERCISES, WHICH ARE TO CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED. PURPOSE OF THE LETTER IS TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF THE CONCEPT AMONG THE CINCS OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN NAVIES.

IN LIGHT OF REFERENCED IR MESSAGE DAO IS ASKING ADMIRAL ZUMWALT WHETHER

HE WANTS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER. ASSUMING HE DOES, DAO WILL DELIVER THE LETTER UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME OBJECTION.
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